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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Are Government receiving periodical reports on the progress of securing employment by these Exchanges? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Sir, may I know whether the Hon. Minister is satisfied with the working of and service rendered by these Employment Exchanges. If he is at least satisfied, will the Government send a request to the Employment Exchange to reserve certain candidates for these local bodies, instead of sending requests to private agencies? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I said already, these Employment Exchanges are under the Government of India. They are completely reorganising it and trying to help the State Government. I have no information whether they are not satisfied with these organisations. It is not under my control."

Construction of roads in Gingee taluk.

* 316 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state when the roads from—

(i) Jayankondan to Puthur;

(ii) Semmedu to Nallampillaipethal; and

(iii) Semmedu to Vettavalam,

in Gingee taluk, South Arcot district, will be constructed?

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" (i) The work of forming a road from Jayankondan to Puthur is included in the Five-Year Plan of Road Development. The District Board is now attending to the preliminaries connected with the acquisition of lands for the work. The District Board is likely to take up the work for execution as early as possible.

" (ii) and (iii) The work of forming the road from Semmedu to Nallampillaipethal is part of the road from Semmedu to Vettavalem which comes within the scope of Post-War Road Development but has not been included in the five-year plan."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, in spite of the request and agitation by the people for the formation of these two roads, and even though the District Board has taken the necessary steps for the acquisition of roads from Jayankondan to Puthur, this proposal is pending with the Government for more than 2 or 3 years and there is no sign of the work being started immediately. May I know when these two roads will be taken up for construction, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" The hon. Member represented this matter to me about two or three months back. The matter is being expedited."

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SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" ஐந்தாண்டு திட்டத்தில் செஞ்சி தாலூக்காவில் எத்தனை மைல் தூரம் ரோடு போடப்பட்டது? ஐந்தாண்டு திட்டத்தில் புதியதாக ரோடு போடவேண்டுமென்றால் சர்க்கார் எவ்வளவு பணம் பொதுமக்களிடமிருந்து கேட்கிறார்கள் ? " 10-30 a.m.

MR. SPEAKER :—" மூலக் கேள்வியில் 3 ரோடுகளைப்பற்றி விவரம் கேட்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இப்போது பொதுவாக மைல் கணக்கைப்பற்றி கேட்கிறீர்கள்.

" If however the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer the question, I have no objection."

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" The name of the village is **Nallampillaipethal** (laughter). Will the road leading to that village be at least included in the next Five-Year Plan? "

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" I hope so."

Increase in the price of foodgrains in Malabar.

* 317 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMAD SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any orders have been issued to the Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar district asking them to increase the wholesale and retail prices of rice, wheat, paddy, etc., distributed through the ration shops on and from 14th February 1954; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for ordering such increase?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" I invite the attention of the Hon. Minister to a report that ' on an enquiry from the Provincial Co-operative Credit Societies and with the officials who are in charge of supplies, it is learnt that (from the 14th February 1954, the price of raw rice has been increased from nine annas four pies to nine annas six pies. We have received instructions that transport charges should not be included in the administration charges.' Therefore, it is a fact that it has been increased from nine annas four pies to nine annas six pies and as late as the 12th March, the officials have received no communication about the fact that the transport charges need not be tacked on to administration charges "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have passed a specific order to the effect ' that the Government have now decided that hereafter there should be only one fixed uniform pool price for the first and second sorts of rice, that is the retail issue price to the consumers throughout the State irrespective of the number of transfers of stocks from place